



United States Navy **Biography**

HOSPITAL CORPSMAN MASTER CHIEF (SS/SW/FMF) PATRICK BLAKE WEST Command Master Chief, Bureau of Medicine and Surgery

Master Chief West enlisted in the United States Navy July 1991 and attended Recruit Training, Great Lakes, IL. Upon graduation from Hospital Corpsman "A" School, he reported to Field Medical Service School, Camp Johnson, NC. His first assignment was 2D Marine Division, Camp Lejeune, NC where he completed deployments to the Mediterranean Sea, Central and South America onboard the USS IWO JIMA (LPH-2), USS WHIDBEY ISLAND (LSD-41), USS ASHLAND (LSD-48) and USS LAMOURE COUNTY (LST-1194).

Master Chief West transferred to Beaufort Naval Hospital, SC in May 1995 as the Assistant BEQ Manager for the hospital and LPO for Podiatry/Admin Departments, Branch Medical Clinic, Parris Island, SC. In May 1998 he reported to Naval School of Health Sciences, San Diego, CA and attended Preventive Medicine "C" School. In January 1999, he transferred to 3D Marine Division, Okinawa, Japan deploying to several nations throughout South East Asia onboard USS COMSTOCK (LSD-45). In January 2000, he transferred to the USS PONCE (LPD-15) as the Medical Department LPO completing various operations to include a deployment to the Mediterranean Sea.

Master Chief West's next tour of duty took him to Naval Hospital Jacksonville, FL. After promotion to Chief Petty Officer in 2003, he became the LCPO for Preventive Medicine Division. In June 2004, he transferred to Submarine Force Independent Duty Corpsman (IDC) School, Naval Undersea Medical Institute, Groton, CT. Upon graduation in October 2005, he transferred to the USS LOUISIANA (SSBN-743) (BLUE), Bangor, WA where he completed seven strategic deterrent patrols and was awarded the SUBRON 17 Medical "M" for FY2007 and FY2009.



In September 2010, Master Chief West graduated from the U.S. Navy Senior Enlisted Academy and transferred to Naval Submarine Support Center, Bangor, WA as the Medical Department LCPO supervising medical operations for 20 ballistic and cruise missile submarine crews. His present assignment since January 2013 is the Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Falls Church, VA.

Master Chief West holds a Master of Science degree in Health Sciences. His personal awards include the Navy and Marine Corps Commendation Medal (2 awards) and the Navy and Marine Corps Achievement Medal (5 awards).